

I am writing to express my shock and dismay at Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require their stations to air a reportedly biased, anti-Kerry documentary in the crucial period of time right before the presidential election.

This appears to be a blatant attempt, by a broadcaster on the public airwaves, to influence elections -- and I can hardly imagine a more serious breach of the public interest and trust.

It is especially clear, based on reports that Sinclair stations will be forced to carry the documentary, that this action is in violation of the principle that broadcasters serve their local and regional markets. And it is indeed a reminder that the increased consolidation of media outlets poses an enormous threat to our democracy.

I urge you to use whatever methods are available to you, especially closely examining the renewal of their licenses, to make an example of Sinclair Broadcasting -- to establish the principle that corporations that seek to unfairly and unjustly skew public policy are held accountable for their destructive actions.

Thank you.